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SENATE BILL 1437

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-714.01, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO SCHOOL CURRICULUM.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 15-714.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 15-714.01. Arizona gun safety program course

5 A. In addition to the voluntary training in the use of bows and
6 firearms prescribed in sections 15-713 and 15-714, each school district and
7 charter school may offer as an elective course a one semester course in
8 firearm marksmanship that shall be designated as the Arizona gun safety
9 program course.

10 B. A pupil shall be deemed to have satisfactorily completed the
11 Arizona gun safety program course by demonstrating that the pupil has the
12 ability to safely discharge a firearm.

13 C. The course of instruction prescribed in this section shall be
14 jointly developed by the Arizona game and fish commission, the department of
15 public safety and private firearms organizations and may include materials
16 provided by private youth organizations. At a minimum, the Arizona gun
17 safety program course shall include:

- 18 1. Instruction on the rules of gun safety.
- 19 2. Instruction on the basic operation of firearms.
- 20 3. Instruction on the history of firearms and marksmanship.
- 21 4. Instruction on the role of firearms in preserving peace and
22 freedom.
- 23 5. Instruction on the constitutional roots of the right to keep and
24 bear arms.
- 25 6. Instruction on the use of clay targets.
- 26 7. Practice time at a shooting range.
- 27 8. Demonstration of competence with a firearm.

28 D. School districts and charter schools shall arrange for adequate use
29 of shooting range time by pupils in the Arizona gun safety program course at
30 any established shooting range.

31 E. Pupils who satisfactorily complete the Arizona gun safety program
32 course shall receive a certificate of accomplishment.

33 F. Instructors shall be certified by the Arizona game and fish
34 department OR BY A NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIREARMS OWNERS.

35 G. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit or expand the
36 liability of any person under other provisions of law.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR JULY 10, 2009.

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